

Public Meeting Announcement:

Maryland's Draft 2002 303(d) List of Impaired Watersheds

The federal Clean Water Act requires that States assess the quality of their waters every two years and publish a list of those waters not meeting the water quality standards set for them. This List of Impaired Waters is also known as the "303(d) List" for the section of the Act that requires it. Water bodies listed as impaired may require the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is announcing the availability of the draft 2002 303(d) List of Impaired Waters for public review and comment. MDE is providing forty-five days of public review and comment from **February 22nd through April 8th 2002**. The Draft List is being posted on the MDE World Wide Web Page <http://www.mde.state.md.us> and advertised in the Maryland Register. Copies will also be available at some branches of county libraries; a list of those libraries will be available on MDE's web site or by calling Carolyn Kuciara at (410) 537-3183. Copies may also be requested in writing from Ms. Kuciara at the address below.

The Department will host three informational public meetings. The public is cordially invited to attend a meeting in a region of their choice. Any hearing impaired person may request an interpreter to be present at the meeting by giving five (5) working days notice to Deanna Miles-Brown, MDE Regulations Coordinator, at (410) 537-3173. Comments or questions may be directed to Carolyn Kuciara by telephone at the number above, or in writing to MDE, Technical and Regulatory Services Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore Maryland 21230, emailed to 303d@mde.state.md.us, or faxed to the attention of Ms. Kuciara at 410-537-3873 on or before **April 8, 2002**. After consideration of public comments, a final List will be prepared and submitted to the US EPA for approval.

Eastern Shore Region

Date: March 11, 2002

Location: Salisbury

Time: 6:30 – 8:30

Wicomico Co. Library

Meeting Rooms

122 S. Division St.

Salisbury, MD 21803

(410) 749-5171

(Directions: From route 50, turn South on Division Street. The library is three blocks down on the right, across from the fire department.)

Western Maryland Region

Date: March 13, 2002

Location: Hagerstown

Time: 6:30 – 8:30

Frostburg State University

Hagerstown Center

20 Public Square

Hagerstown, MD 21740

(301) 971-4020

(Directions: From points east, take I-70 West to the Route 40 West Hagerstown exit. Continue east approximately three miles to Potomac St. Turn left onto N. Potomac St. The center is located after the first block, on right. Parking lots are located on both sides of Potomac St. immediately before the center).

Central Region

Date: March 25, 2002

Location: Towson

Time: 6:30 – 8:30

Towson Public Library

320 York Road

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-6166

(Directions: From Towson via the Beltway (I-695) take exit 26 (York Road, South) and go about ¾ mile to the Towson Roundabout. Exit the roundabout, continuing on York Road another ¼ mile to Chesapeake Avenue and go into the parking garage behind the library).